

RUMOURS

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all but vanished and a second pressing is expected.

Also soon on vinyl are **Puppetz**, who will release an independent single to coincide with early '81 touring ... The **Rodents** are already on the road with three months of touring ahead of them. Initially, they are headed for the South Island, and later as far north as Whangarei ... The **Steroids**, after working in the Capital, are apparently pulling big bucks in the middle of the Island ... Currently gigging is a vastly improved incarnation of the **Protons**.

Dead but not forgotten are the **Subjects**. Guitarist Greg McKenzie is heading north to form a super-group (remember?) with Tim Powles and Warwick Keay of X7. Their farewell at the Last Resort also featured **Condemned Sector** and a cast of millions ... Also defunct are **Backstreet**, with Chris West and Barton Price drafted into **Jason Sad Band** Mk II, who are due to record before the end of summer. Back in tow are the **Red**, but not for long.

Having been pointedly reminded that the last column failed to mention that the Terminus continues to function as a high-class venue with soft lights, wall-to-wall carpet, hot and cold running and so on, I would now like to mention that ...

Smart Girls Go Overseas Dept. Soon to depart is Wallsockets guitarist Fran 'Walshe' ... Looking For Dept. **Domestic Blitz**, a drummer, the **Innocent** a bassist ... Back in town are NZ's most meaningful band, **Shoes This High**. But can you dance to it?
Les Crew

Dunedin

Mother Goose will record their next album in January with Australian independent, Full Moon. While in town Steve Young has formed a temporary band, **The Young and The Restless** with Neil Dobier, Del Contreras and Waka Teriumuru ... Another band is **Rejects** — Jimmy Taylor, Marcel Rodeka (ex-Goose) and two Cruze members on vacation, Robin Young and



Barry McConnachie.

Back to Back have split. Dave Hiakita left to re-join duo partner Chas Matthews ... Kevin Lynch has left **Studio** ... **Strictly Blues** will move to Palmerston North with lead guitarist/lecturer Brent Wheeler. Guitarist/vocalist Malcolm Black may not go. He has auditioned for **Axis** ... vocalist Kili Sanerivi has left **Flex** ... Tony Madden has left **Satan's Children** to form his own band, the Urbanites.

Ex-After Dark drummer Neville Anderson has returned to Dunedin after a stint with **Tears** in Wellington ... **Static** are planning a N.I. tour. Likely replacement for drummer Matthew Brick is ex-Mother's Ruin, Tony Valentine.

George Kay

Auckland

On the last weekend in November, Mainstreet hosted the '1980 Battle Of The Bands'. Winners were **Hattie & the Hotshots**, **Rhythm Method** were second and third were the **Newmatics**. The Hotshots won \$500 and six hours recording time at Harlequin.

Musical chairs: **Dave Spillane** (sax) and **Simon Lynch** (guitar) have left the Valentinos, who have gained **Paul Jamieson** of Flight X7 fame. Ex-X7 keyboardman, **Mark Stanton**, has

joined Knobz, while **Jeff Clarkson** will keep the Flight X-7 flag flying with members of 3D.

Back from Oz is main Feature, **Jed Town**. Jed is working with Mike Brookfield on 'Fetus', a show of music and prints at Auckland university's Little Theatre, Dec 15 to 20, 7pm to 8pm each evening. The music was especially composed for the show by Jed and ex-Marching Girl, Ronnie Recent.

The writer of many a Dude hit, **Dave Dobbyn**, has a 45 out soon, 'Lipstick Power'. Expect an album early 1981. Back in town is **Peter Ulrich**. The former Dude now sports a Joy Division t-shirt. Also around town is Alastair Riddell.

The new **Split Enz** 45, 'One Step Ahead', (a Neil Finn composition) is out now. Expect the album by February. In the meantime amuse yourself with a *True Colours* laser etched pressing.

There are lots of pretty shapes and colours in the vinyl. Enz do three big shows in Australia in December for Paul Dainty Corp., then they head for NZ to play Sweetwaters.

Expect **Clean** in Auckland early 1981. **Androids** are already here and looking for work. **Push** are looking for a new drummer. Phone 565-631 if you are interested.

New in town are the **Flying Doctors** — Mike Farrell (guitar), Liam Ryan (keyboards), Mike Ab-

bot (drums) and John Dodd (bass). They all sing ... the **Kim Hart** single 'Love At First Night' has gone gold in Australia by selling 48,000 copies ... next **Tigers** single is 'Heart Don't Stop' with two tracks on the flip, 'Any Weekend' and the Oz mix of 'Red Dress'. The Tigers will move to Australia late February after an NZ tour coinciding with the release of their debut album ... **Split Enz** have gone Platinum in Canada and sold over 150,000 *True Colours* in the United States.

Prestigious independent, Fast Records will release the **Marching Girls** single 'True Love' in the UK ... the **Furys** are playing the Rumba Bar Xmas week, Dec 22-24 ... **Kim Fowley** is still clearing his mail looking for the cassette of his dreams. Tape yourself or your band and post to Kim Fowley c/o 6000 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028 USA.

Late news is that headlining at Nambassa is the **Charlie Daniels Band** from the USA, and the Oz band that is breaking the Angel's door records, **Midnight Oil**.

Artists on the Radio Hauraki record are Hattie & the Hotshots, Top Scientists, Rhythm Method, Screaming Meemees, Valentinos, Little Finger, Memos, Merly Yvonne & Jess Hawke David, Loose Change, Hit & Run and Rob Skiffington.

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